

“(c) This paragraph may be waived by joint agreement of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the Senate upon their certification that such waiver is necessary as a result of a significant disruption to Senate facilities or to the availability of the Internet or a bill or joint resolution is designated as ‘emergency.’”.

**SA 522.** Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HARKIN)) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. HARKIN to the resolution S. Res. 116, to provide for expedited Senate consideration of certain nominations subject to advice and consent; as follows:

At the end of the resolution, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. ESTABLISHING MAJORITY VOTE THRESHOLD FOR PROCEEDING TO NOMINATIONS.**

The second undesignated paragraph of paragraph 2 of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended to read as follows:

“Is it the sense of the Senate that the debate shall be brought to a close?” And if that question shall be decided in the affirmative by three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn -- except on a measure or motion to amend the Senate rules, in which case the necessary affirmative vote shall be two-thirds of the Senators present and voting -- then said measure, motion, or other matter pending before the Senate, or the unfinished business, shall be the unfinished business to the exclusion of all other business until disposed of. On a nomination to an Executive Branch position requiring the advice and consent of the Senate, the necessary affirmative vote shall be a majority of the Senators duly chosen and sworn.”.

**SA 523.** Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CARPER) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 116, to provide for expedited Senate consideration of certain nominations subject to advice and consent; as follows:

On page 5, line 2, strike “15 to 21” and insert “6”.

On page 6, after line 24, insert the following:

(31) Chief Financial Officer, from the following:

- (A) Department of Agriculture.
- (B) Department of Commerce.
- (C) Department of Defense.
- (D) Department of Education.
- (E) Department of Energy.
- (F) Department of Environmental Protection Agency.
- (G) Department of Health and Human Services.
- (H) Department of Homeland Security.
- (I) Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- (J) Department of the Interior.
- (K) Department of Labor.
- (L) National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
- (M) Department of State.
- (N) Department of Transportation.
- (O) Department of the Treasury.
- (P) Department of Veterans Affairs.

(32) Assistant Secretary for Financial Management of the Air Force.

(33) Assistant Secretary for Financial Management of the Army.

(34) Assistant Secretary for Financial Management of Navy.

(35) Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

(36) Assistant Secretaries or other officials whose primary responsibility is legislative affairs from the following:

- (A) Department of Agriculture.
- (B) Department of Energy.
- (C) Department of Defense.
- (D) Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- (E) Department of Commerce.
- (F) Department of Treasury.
- (G) Department of State.
- (H) Department of Health and Human Services.
- (I) United States Agency for International Development.
- (J) Department of Education.
- (K) Department of Labor.
- (L) Department of Justice.
- (M) Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (N) Department of Transportation.
- (37) Commissioner, Rehabilitative Services Administration, Department of Education.
- (38) Commissioner, Administration for Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.
- (39) Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services.
- (40) Federal Coordinator, Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects.
- (41) Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Commerce.

On page 7, strike line 5 and insert the following:

**SEC. 4. COMMITTEE JUSTIFICATION FOR NEW EXECUTIVE POSITIONS.**

The report accompanying each bill or joint resolution of a public character reported by any committee shall contain an evaluation and justification made by such committee for the establishment in the measure being reported of any new position appointed by the President within an existing or new Federal entity.

**SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT**

I, Senator TOM COBURN, intend to object to proceeding to S. 618, a bill to promote the strengthening of the private sector in Egypt and Tunisia, dated June 29, 2011.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 29, 2011, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 29, 2011, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to

meet during the session of the Senate on June 29, 2011, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 29, 2011, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Barriers to Justice and Accountability: How the Supreme Court’s Recent Rulings Will Affect Corporate Behavior.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 29, 2011, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS**

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 29, 2011, in the President’s Room at 11 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs’ Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 29, 2011, at 2 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled “Promoting Broader Access to Public Transportation for America’s Older Adults and People with Disabilities.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT**

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs’ Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 29, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled “Emergence of Swap Execution Facilities: A Progress Report.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs’ Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate